

Charting the Course to 2025:

Detention & Law Enforcement

Fire & Life Safety

Greenways

**York County Comprehensive Plan Review
Steering Committee**

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Detention & Law Enforcement

- York County Sheriff
 - ◆ Chief law enforcement officer
 - ◆ Serves as court bailiff
 - ◆ York County and Poquoson
 - ◆ Oversaw York County Jail until 1997
 - ◆ Demolished in 1998
 - Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail
 - Merrimac Center

Law Enforcement

Ratio of Law Enforcement Officers to Population by locality, 2003

Locality	Officers	Population	Ratio
James City Co.	72	53,100	1/672
Hampton	266	144,400	1/543
Newport News	384	180,900	1/471
Poquoson	20	11,600	1/580
Williamsburg	34	12,800	1/376
York	70	60,400	1/862

Source: Virginia Department of State Police

York County Sheriff's Office

- Sheriff's Office

- ◆ Facilities

- ◆ Public Safety Building
 - ◆ D.A.R.E. Program
 - ◆ Tabb satellite station
 - ◆ Local storage facility

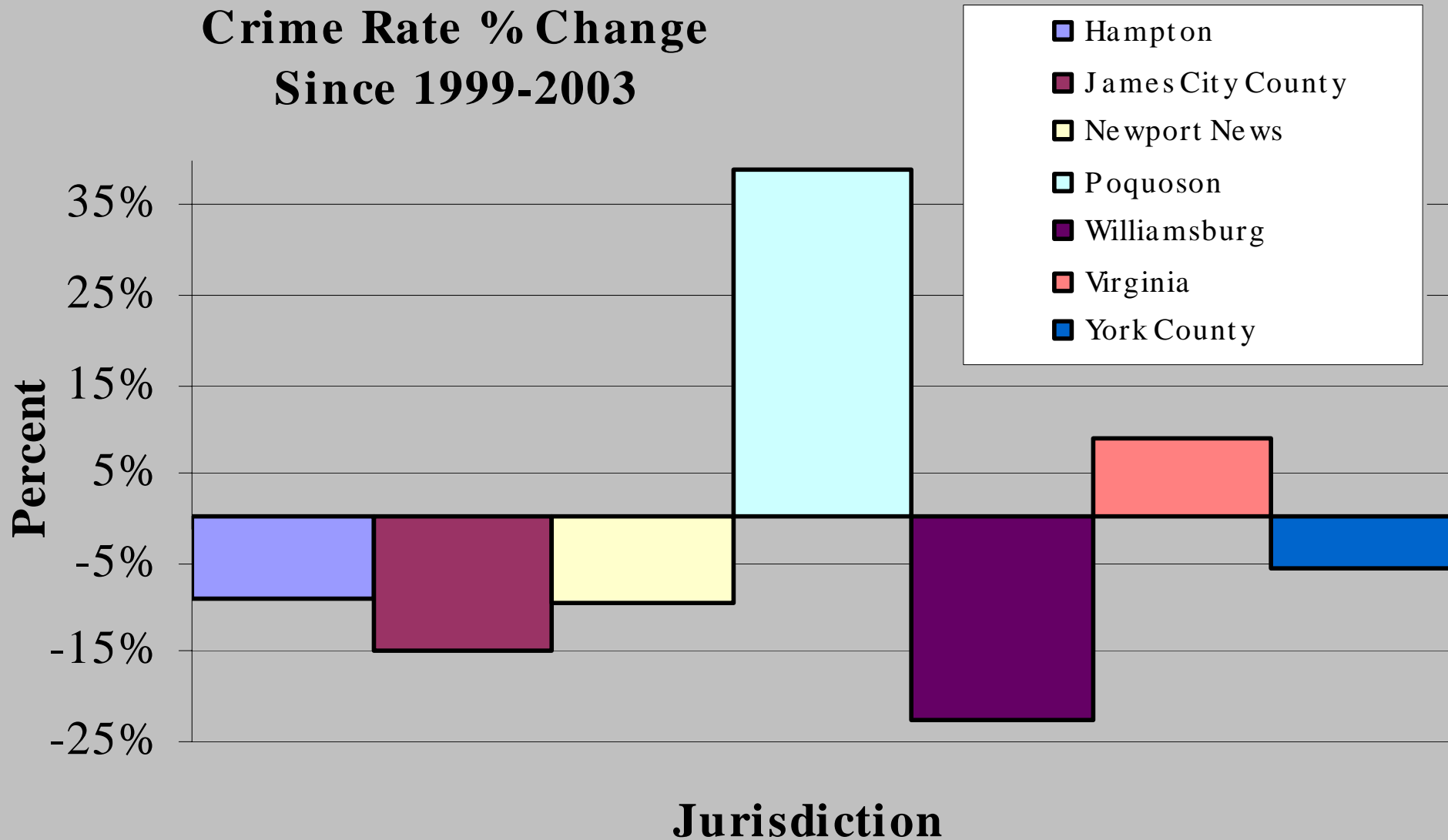
York County Sheriff's Office

Crime Rates by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Year					Percent Change
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999 to 2003
Hampton		6,714	8,327	7,678	7,321	9.04%
James City County	5,393	4,006	5,045	4,799	4,584	14.43%
Newport News	11,026	10,794	10,826	10,819	10,005	-7.31%
Poquoson	2,386	2,386	2,713	3,052	3,319	39.10%
Williamsburg	6,590	3,850	6,267	4,952	5,117	32.91%
Virginia		6,095	6,807	6,916	6,632	8.81%
York County	4,849	4,327	4,698	4,068	4,078	-5.75%

Law Enforcement

**Crime Rate % Change
Since 1999-2003**



Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

- York County, James City County, Williamsburg, and Poquoson
- Operation began 1997
- House 600 prisoners
- 166,000 square feet on 35-acre site

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

■ Facility

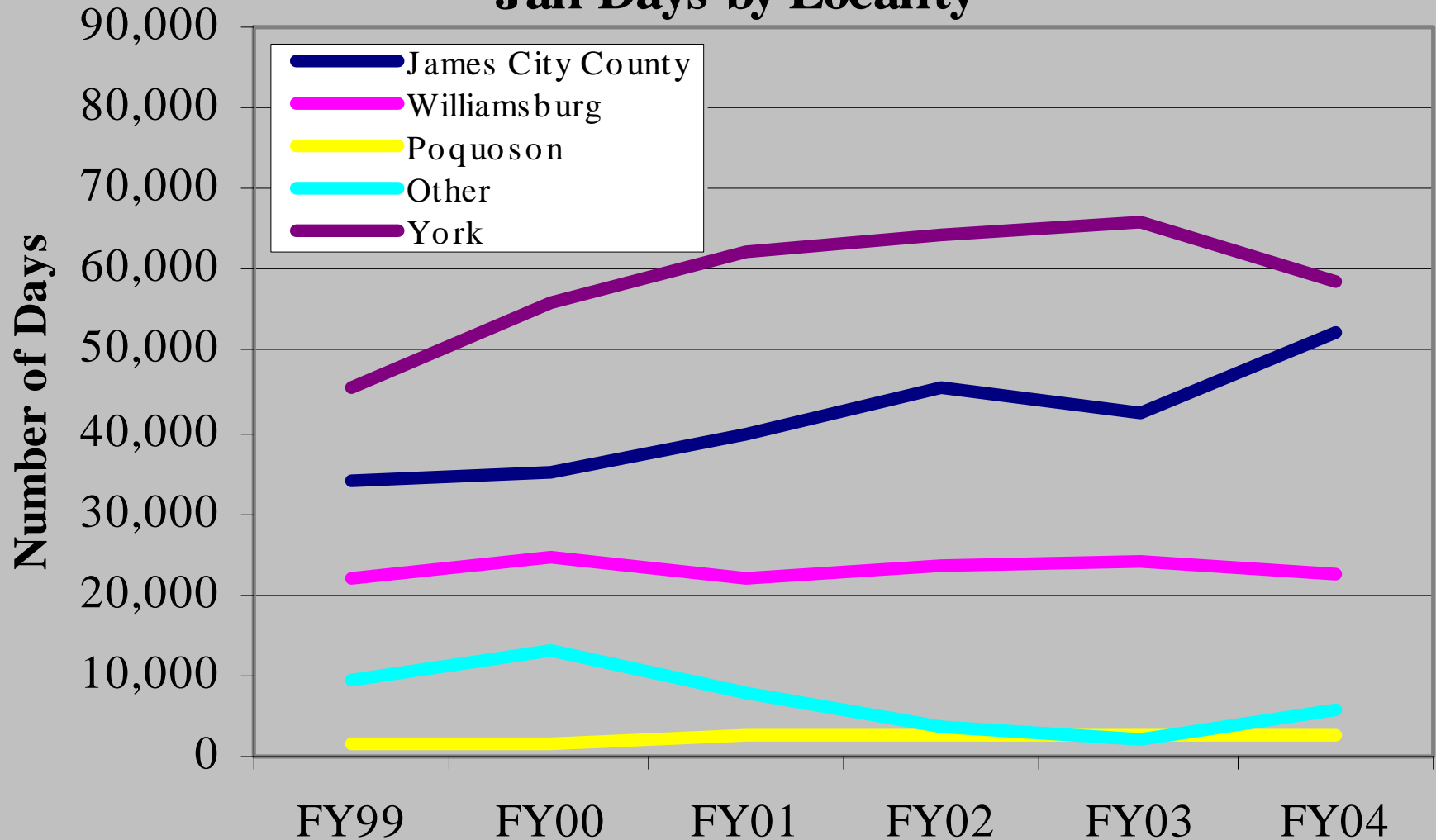
- ◆ Six housing pods
 - ◆ Self-contained unit with 48 cells
- ◆ Other spaces include
 - ◆ Classrooms
 - ◆ Library
 - ◆ Food service
 - ◆ Medical service
 - ◆ Indoor recreation
 - ◆ Administration offices

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

- Opportunities
 - ◆ Education
 - ◆ Mental growth
 - ◆ Physical activity
- In 2004, 122 community volunteers served prison population with:
 - ◆ G.E.D., creative writing, art, & religious study classes
 - ◆ Recovery groups
 - ◆ Mental health groups

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

Jail Days by Locality



Merrimac Center

- Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission
 - ◆ 9th Judicial District
 - ◆ 9 Counties
 - ◆ 2 Cities
 - ◆ 15th Judicial District
 - ◆ 7 Counties
- Secure juvenile detention facility

Merrimac Center

- Opened 1997
- July 1998 added 16 more beds
- 24 hour per day supervision
- 48 juvenile offenders
- Ages 7 to 17
- Male and Female

Merrimac Center

■ Facility

- ◆ Four units
- ◆ Classrooms
- ◆ Food service
- ◆ Medical service
- ◆ Gymnasium
- ◆ Administrative offices

Merrimac Center

- Residents receive:
 - ◆ Medical care
 - ◆ Counseling
 - ◆ Schooling
- Confine ranges from few days to months
- County pays per diem for each juvenile
- Between 1999 and 2004
 - ◆ York County average 13% utilization
 - ◆ 2004 16% utilization

Detention & Law Enforcement

■ Outlook

- ◆ York County Sheriff's Office
 - ◆ Additional space
 - ◆ Training facility
- ◆ Peninsula Regional Jail
 - ◆ No foreseeable expansion
- ◆ Merrimac Center
 - ◆ No foreseeable expansion
 - If occurs, new facility in northern jurisdictions

Detention & Law Enforcement

Questions??

Fire & Life Safety



Fire and Life Safety

- Department of Fire and Life Safety
 - ◆ Fire
 - ◆ Rescue
 - ◆ Emergency Medical Services
 - ◆ 9-1-1/Emergency Communications
 - ◆ Emergency Management
 - ◆ Animal Control

Fire and Life Safety

■ Facilities

◆ Public Safety Building

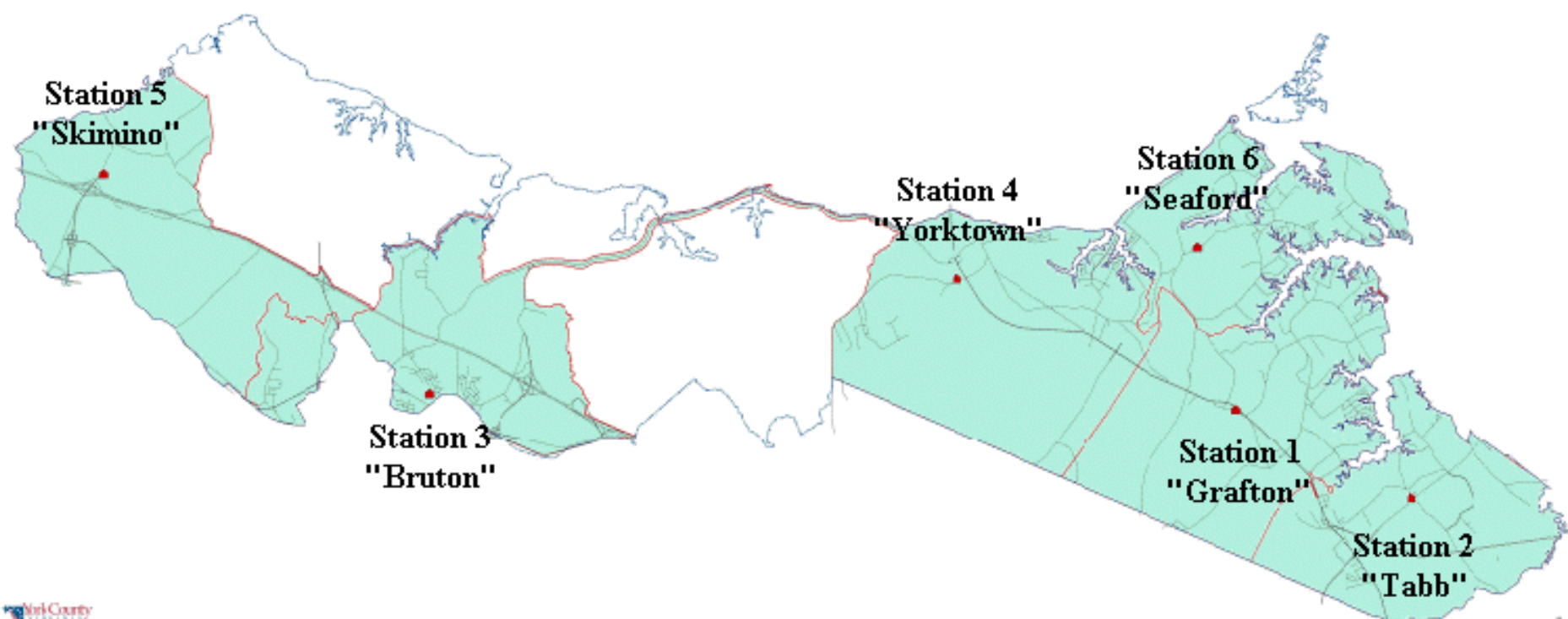
- ◆ Administrative offices
- ◆ Emergency Operations Center
- ◆ 9-1-1/Emergency Communications Center
- ◆ Six Fire Stations

Fire and Rescue

■ Divisions

- ◆ Fire and Rescue Operations
- ◆ Technical Services and Special Operations
 - ◆ Animal Control
- ◆ Prevention
- ◆ Emergency Communication

■ Office of Emergency Management



York County, Virginia

Fire and Life Safety

■ Fire Station Capabilities

- ◆ Fire Engine

- ◆ Medic Unit

- ◆ Both provide:

- Fire suppression

- Rescue

- Advanced life support emergency medical services

Fire and Life Safety

■ District Stations

- ◆ Fire Station One – Grafton
- ◆ Fire Station Three – Bruton
- ◆ Provide additional resources:
 - ◆ Vehicle rescue
 - ◆ Aerial ladder response
 - ◆ Brush truck response
 - ◆ EMS resources

Fire and Life Safety

- Special Incident Response
 - ◆ Personnel are not separate
 - ◆ Perform normal assigned duties
 - ◆ Obtain specific specialty
 - ◆ Teams include:
 - ◆ Technical rescue
 - ◆ Hazardous material response
 - ◆ Marine incident response
 - ◆ Metropolitan Medical Strike Team

Technical Rescue Team

- Evolved from dive team, now include:
 - ◆ Water
 - ◆ Rope
 - ◆ Confined space
 - ◆ Trench
 - ◆ Heavy vehicle
 - ◆ Structural collapse
- Part of:
 - ◆ Peninsula Regional Technical Rescue Team
 - ◆ FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue – Team/Virginia Task Force - Two

Hazardous Materials

- County susceptible to many types of hazardous materials emergency
- All personnel trained in defensive tactics
- Specialized group of Hazardous Materials Technicians
- Level II Enhanced Hazardous Materials Response Team
- Regional and State teams

Marine Incident Response

- Capabilities:

- ◆ Water rescue
- ◆ Waterborne firefighting
- ◆ Boat operations

- Part of Hampton Roads Maritime Incident Response Team

Metropolitan Medical Strike Team

- Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System
 - ◆ Improve medical response to mass casualty and terrorist incidents involving:
 - ◆ Chemical,
 - ◆ Biological,
 - ◆ Radiological,
 - ◆ Nuclear, and
 - ◆ Explosive Weapons.

Metropolitan Medical Strike Team

- Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System
 - ◆ Metropolitan Medical Strike Team
 - ◆ Fire and Life Safety staff are key components
 - Command leadership
 - Logistics
 - Communications
 - ◆ Manage and maintain:
 - Communication equipment cache
 - Logistics equipment cache

Training

- Department of Fire and Life Safety coordinates and/or conducts
 - ◆ Regionally participate:
 - ◆ Dispatcher training
 - ◆ Firefighter recruitment
 - ◆ Officer development
 - ◆ Continuing education conducted in-house

Training

- Partner in:
 - ◆ Peninsula Regional:
 - ◆ Live Fire Training Facility
 - ◆ Training Tower
- In-Service training for on-duty crews
 - ◆ Strategic training locations

Prevention Division

- Enforce laws
- Conduct
 - ◆ Plan reviews
 - ◆ Inspections
 - ◆ Tests of fire suppression & alarm systems
- Investigate fires
- Prevention education programs

Emergency Communications

- Established 1986
 - ◆ Impacted by population growth and service demands
 - ◆ New facility - 2005
- Radio system upgrade in 2005

Emergency Management

- Disasters or Major Emergencies
 - ◆ Affect many people
 - ◆ Have significant damage
 - ◆ Structures
 - ◆ Infrastructure
 - ◆ Over large geographic areas

Emergency Management

- Develops and Maintains
 - ◆ Emergency operation plans
 - ◆ Guiding response and recovery actions
- Variety of vulnerabilities

Emergency Management

- Emergency Disaster Sheltering
 - ◆ Partnered with School Division
 - ◆ Grafton High/Middle School complex
 - All-hazards shelter
 - Back-up generator power
 - ◆ Other schools
 - Supplemental
 - Open as needed

Emergency Management

- Regionally coordinate planning
 - ◆ Special needs
 - ◆ Debris management
 - ◆ Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - ◆ Currently being developed as part of York County's Comprehensive Plan

Emergency Management

- Public Preparedness Programs
 - ◆ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - ◆ CERT Neighborhood Recognition program

Emergency Management

- Emergency information distribution
 - ◆ Big obstacle
 - ◆ Programs
 - ◆ Neighborhood Emergency Information Distribution System
 - ◆ Fire Station Community Assistance Liaison program
 - ◆ 99.1 FM agreement

Prevention Programs

■ Examples:

- ◆ Fall Prevention Program
- ◆ C.A.R.E.
- ◆ Risk Watch
- ◆ “Heads Up” program
- ◆ Emergency Medical Dispatching

Animal Control Bureau

- Responsible:

- ◆ Enforcement of laws and regulations
- ◆ Respond to threats
- ◆ Promote humane treatment and prevention of cruelty

- Educational programming

- Wildlife management programming

Fire and Rescue

■ Outlook

- ◆ Fire station off Mooretown Road
- ◆ Fire station off Rt 199 East
- ◆ Expansion station two (Tabb)
- ◆ Training facility
- ◆ Logistical facility

York County Fire and Rescue

Questions??

Greenways



Greenways

- 2015 Comprehensive Plan
- BOS designated funds
 - ◆ CIP

Greenways

■ Definition

- ◆ Linear parks, alternative transportation routes, or other open space conservation areas that provide passive recreational opportunities, pedestrian and/or bicycle paths, and/or the conservation of open spaces or natural areas.

Greenways

■ Include

- ◆ Natural Corridors
 - ◆ Riverfronts
 - ◆ Streams
 - ◆ Valley
 - ◆ Ridges
- ◆ Railroad ROW
- ◆ Power line ROW
- ◆ Bicycle and walking paths

Greenways

- Can also use

- ◆ Existing scenic roads
- ◆ Parks
- ◆ Nature reserves
- ◆ Cultural and historical areas

- Link

- ◆ Targeted population
- ◆ Commercial

Greenways

■ Benefits

- ◆ Economic
- ◆ Healthier Lifestyle
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Historical and Cultural

Greenways

■ Economic

- ◆ Increase real property values (marketability)
 - ◆ Attractive view
 - ◆ Easy access to recreation
- ◆ Expenditures when linked to commercial
 - ◆ Tourist
 - ◆ Residents

Greenways

■ Healthier Lifestyle

- ◆ Proximity to recreation
- ◆ Easy access to paths
- ◆ Recreational opportunities
- ◆ Alternative form of transportation

Greenways

■ Environment

- ◆ Alternative form of transportation
 - ◆ Reduce
 - Pollution
 - Traffic
- ◆ Protect
 - ◆ Critical wetlands
 - ◆ Environmentally sensitive areas
 - ◆ Areas for migratory animals
 - ◆ Links for isolated species

Greenways

■ Historical/Cultural Resources

◆ Trails use:

- ◆ Existing historic railroad corridors or canals

◆ Corridors access

- ◆ Historical buildings
- ◆ Preserve history

Greenways

- York County preliminary route
 - ◆ Take advantage of
 - ◆ Natural areas
 - ◆ Roadside segments
 - ◆ Link
 - ◆ Schools
 - ◆ Parks
 - ◆ Government buildings
 - ◆ Neighborhoods
 - ◆ Shopping
 - ◆ Historical areas
 - ◆ Recreational opportunities

Lower York County Greenway Scenario



Upper York County Greenway Scenario



Greenways

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